STATE OF CALIFORNIA BUSINESS, CONSUMER SERVICES AND HOUSING AGENCY DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS OVERSIGHT

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26 28 TO: Altitude Entertainment Films, Inc. Stephane Roger Marchand 1 Moonlight Isle Ladera Ranch, CA 92694

> 8730 Sunset Boulevard West Hollywood, CA 90069

DESIST AND REFRAIN ORDER

(For Violations of Sections 25110 and 25401 of the Corporations Code)

The Commissioner of Business Oversight ("Commissioner") finds that:

- 1. Altitude Entertainment Films, Inc. ("Altitude Entertainment") is an active California corporation, formed on or about July 28, 2014. Altitude Entertainment's principal place of business is 1 Moonlight Isle, Ladera Ranch, California or 8730 Sunset Boulevard, West Hollywood, California. Altitude Entertainment maintains a website at www.altitudeentertainmentfilms.com. According to the company's website, Altitude Entertainment funds, produces, and distributes films.
- 2. Stephane Roger Marchand ("Marchand") is Altitude Entertainment's chief executive officer, president, and registered agent.
- 3. Altitude Entertainment and Marchand sold securities in the form of Altitude Entertainment investment contracts to at least one investor, raising a total of approximately \$200,000.00.
- 4. Marchand solicits investors through the classified advertisements website Craigslist. One such posting read, "ARE YOU BROKE, WITH GREAT CREDIT? WE NEED YOU 500K YEAR POSITION AVAIL (WE PUT 100K IN YOUR POCKET TODAY)." The classified advertisements reference Los Angeles, Orange, and San Diego Counties.
- 5. At least one California resident responded to Marchand's Craiglist advertisement, which promised "Big returns. No money down. Good credit score to apply for credit." During their face-to-face meeting in July of 2015, Marchand told the investor that he needed a "credit partner," someone whose credit would be used to obtain loans to flip high-end properties within Orange

County. In exchange for his good credit, Marchand promised returns of \$100,000.00, on completion of funding, plus \$50,000.00 per month. Marchand explained that the returns would be generated when the credit partner's funds were invested in the business and the business earned a profit. The credit partner would not manage or run the day-to-day operations of the business but would apply for and obtain loans or credit cards that would be used to fund Marchand's business ventures. Marchand was to manage the credit partner's funds and seek out new business opportunities in real estate.

- 6. In or about July 2015, Marchand located a property in which to invest but the investor was unable to provide the 20%-30% cash deposit required by the lender to obtain the loan, so the parties abandoned the scheme.
- 7. Shortly thereafter, Marchand approached the investor about providing funding for Altitude Entertainment. Altitude Entertainment, according to Marchand, was his film company that was looking to invest in and acquire new business ventures, including an exotic car rental business and "Speedweed.com," a medical marijuana delivery service.
- 8. On or about July 10, 2015, the investor, at Marchand's urging, used a credit card broker to apply for and obtain 12 credit cards with lines of credit totaling \$200,000.00. Marchand subsequently directed the investor to add his name as an authorized signer on all 12 of the investors' credit card accounts. Marchand drew down the lines of credit, taking cash advances and using the credit cards to purchase personal items, such as consumer electronics, gym membership, and children's clothing. Marchand explained that the cash advances would be invested in Altitude Entertainment's business ventures, including the exotic car rental business and Speedweed.com.
- 9. In or about September of 2015, after having exhausted the investors' credit card limits, Marchand demanded that the investor apply for and obtain additional credit cards. The investor refused.
- 10. In connection with the offer and sale of these securities, the above described Altitude Entertainment investment contracts, Marchand misrepresented or failed to disclose to investors the following material facts:
- a. In or about August 2000, the Bureau of Real Estate ("BRE") revoked Marchand's real estate salesperson's license on the basis of his failure to disclose his April 1995 criminal conviction. According to the BRE's findings of law and fact, in or about April 1995, Marchand was charged with violating section 1871.4 of the Insurance Code (False Workers' Compensation Insurance Claim) and

section 148.5, subdivision (a) of the Penal Code (False Report of Criminal Offense). Marchand pled guilty to and was convicted of both violations.

- b. On or about January 25, 2001, Marchand filed for voluntary Chapter 7 bankruptcy protection in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California, case number 8:01-bk-0110607-RA.
- c. In or about April 2009, in the matter captioned *People v. Marchand*, Orange County Superior Court case number 09SF0432, the state charged Marchand with violating section 487, subdivision (a), of the Penal Code (Grand Theft); sections 484, subdivision (a), through 488 of the Penal Code (Petty Theft); section 6126, subdivision (a), of the Business and Professions Code (Unauthorized Practice of Law); section 10130 of the Business and Professions Code (Engaging in Business as a Real Estate Broker without License); and section 594, subdivisions (a) and (b)(1) of the Penal Code (Vandalism). In or about June of 2009, Marchand pled guilty and was convicted of violating sections 6126, subdivision (a), and 10130 of the Business and Professions Code.
- d. On or about July 13, 2012, Marchand pled guilty and was convicted of second degree burglary under Penal Code sections 459 and 460, in the matter captioned *People v. Marchand*, Orange County Superior Court case number 11HF0592.
- e. On or about September 18, 2014, the Department of Business Oversight issued Marchand a desist and refrain order for violations of Corporations Code sections 29525 and 29536 of the California Commodity Law of 1990.
- f. On or about November 5, 2014, Marchand filed for voluntary Chapter 13 bankruptcy protection in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California, case number 8:14-bk-16543-ES.
- g. On or about January 2, 2015, Marchand filed for voluntary Chapter 7 bankruptcy protection in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California, case number 8:15-bk-10005-ES.
- 11. These securities, the above described investment contracts, were sold in this state in issuer transactions. The Department of Business Oversight has not issued a permit or other form of qualification authorizing any person to offer or sell Altitude Entertainment investment contracts in this state.

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Based on the foregoing findings, the Commissioner of Business Oversight is of the opinion that the investment contracts offered by Altitude Entertainment and Marchand are securities subject to qualification under the Corporate Securities Law of 1968 and are being or have been offered or sold without first being qualified in violation of Corporations Code section 25110 of the Corporate Securities Law of 1968. Under section 25532 of the Corporations Code, Altitude Entertainment Films, Inc. and Stephane Roger Marchand are ordered to desist and refrain from the further offer and sale of securities in California, including but not limited to Altitude Entertainment investment contracts, unless such sale has been qualified under Corporations Code section 25111, 25112, or 25113 or unless such security or transaction is exempted or not subject to qualification.

Furthermore, the Commissioner of Business Oversight is of the opinion that the securities Altitude Entertainment Films, Inc. and Stephane Roger Marchand offered or sold in this state were offered or sold by means of written or oral communication that includes an untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which the statements were made, not misleading in violation of section 25401 of the Corporations Code. Under section 25532 of the Corporations Code, Altitude Entertainment Films, Inc. and Stephane Roger Marchand made, or caused to be made, misrepresentations or omissions of material fact in connection with the offer or sale of securities and are hereby ordered to desist and refrain from offering or selling or buying or offering to buy any security in the State of California by means of any written or oral communication which includes an untrue statement of material fact or omits to state material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

This order is necessary, in the public interest, for the protection of investors and consistent with the purposes, policies, and provisions of the Corporate Securities Law of 1968.

Dated: February 19, 2016 Los Angeles, California

> JAN LYNN OWEN Commissioner of Business Oversight

By_______MARY ANN SMITH
Deputy Commissioner
Enforcement Division